

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The claims are 1, 2, and 6-8.

Claims 1, 2, and 6-8 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yoshimura et al. (EP 1101760) in view of Feucht et al. (200).

This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Feucht et al. reference has an effective date of June 12, 2003 and is antedated by Applicants' PCT filing date of March 24, 2003.

Accordingly, the Feucht et al. reference is unavailable as prior art.

For the foregoing reasons, the rejection on prior art is untenable and should be withdrawn.

No further issues remaining, allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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